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reports on ship sightings in the Gulf of Finland and at Leningrad and Kronshtadt, and on port facilities and activities at Leningrad and Kronshtadt

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Attachments:

1. information on the port of Leningrad, with a sketch of the port area; this report summarizes security measures in the port and states that Soviets showed considerable animosity reportedly as a result radio broadcasts dealing with the Hungarian rebellion. This report also mentions searchlight activity in the Leningrad area.
2. report on the sighting of submarines leaving Leningrad a fair description of the superstructure of these vessels is given, including mention of a tube which is reported to be a schnorkel; a sketch of the submarines is provided. It is stated in the report that the submarines proceeded without difficulty through ice which stopped a vessel with a displacement of 10,000 tons.
3. information on the sighting of torpedo boats, mine-sweepers, destroyers, submarines, SVERDLOV-class cruisers, and the OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLIUTSIYA in the Leningrad and Kronshtadt area and Gulf of Finland
4. report on port facilities at Leningrad, with a sketch. The icebreaker KAPITAN VORONOV was active in the harbor.

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5. [redacted] information on sighting of torpedo boats being towed out of Leningrad and a general absence of other naval vessels in the Leningrad area [redacted] a large naval vessel sighted near Hiiumaa Island was sketched. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] 2 Russian submarines passed [redacted] ship. Both [redacted] ship and the submarines were going down the Morskoy canal/LENINGRAD in the direction of the open sea. 25X1

2. Description submarines. (See sketch in attachment). 25X1

Form: Both ships of the same type. Hull length about 80 meters. 25X1
The conning tower somewhat off-center [redacted], seen from the front [redacted] 25X1

Armament: In front of the conning tower an elevation with twin-guns.
Special apparatus: Both ships had periscopes out, together with a schnorkel (at least a tube about 20 cm thick with a sort of cap on the top). 25X1

Both ships had twin screws, observable by the spray kicked up [redacted] 25X1
The ships travelled by Kholmstadt at a speed of about 15 to 20 miles. 25X1

3. Ice-breaking capacity.

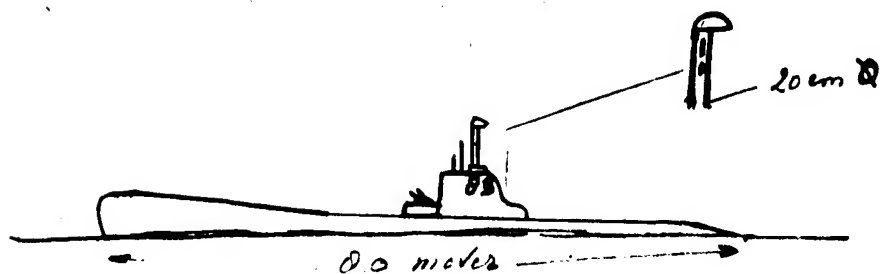
[redacted] travelled behind the submarines, because a layer of ice about 10 cm thick lay on the Morskoy canal.
The submarines must have tremendous power, because they cut through the ice as if it were cake, every now and then changing off with one another. A ship of 10,000 tons found it impossible to break through the ice. It was about 25 degrees below freezing point. The normal ice-breakers were not yet equipped because the freeze was exceptionally early.

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A. Nautical data.

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1. [redacted] departed from Helsinki, Finland in ballast,
via KALBADENGRUND to LENINGRAD Lightvessel.

2. [redacted] at anchor at the Leningrad
Lightvessel. [redacted] Already present were:
1 Russian, 1 Polish, 1 [redacted], 4 German, and 1 [redacted] ship.

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3. [redacted]
At 2200 hours, moored in the wood harbor/Leningrad (point 1).

4. Cast off [redacted] In the NW part of the
Morskoy canal a convoy formation was again gotten together. The
convoy was brought out by the ice-breaker "Captain Voronov".

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5. This ice-breaker has a power of 10,000 h.p., and was delivered ~~the~~
last year [redacted]

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B. Military data.

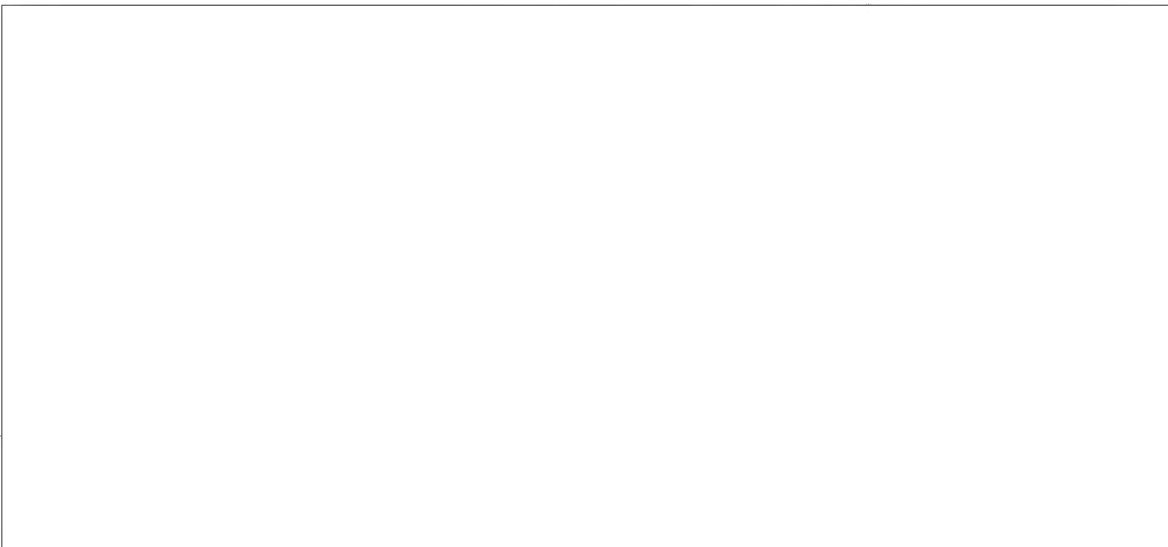
While passing the islands of Someri and Hogland (Liursaari), ship [] was illuminated by searchlights emplaced on these islands.

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C. Harbor installations, etc.

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See sketch and sketch key in attachment.



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SKETCH KEY

1. Berth of [] ship.
2. Berths of [] coasters []
3. Five crabs with double track underneath.
The wood is ~~trans~~ transferred with these []
The wharf is of concrete, and lies full of wood destined for export.
Sawed wood and round wood []
4. Recently renovated portion of wharf.
5. Wood rafts.
6. Portions of wharf which are being renovated.
7. Sand and gravel for renovation of wharves.

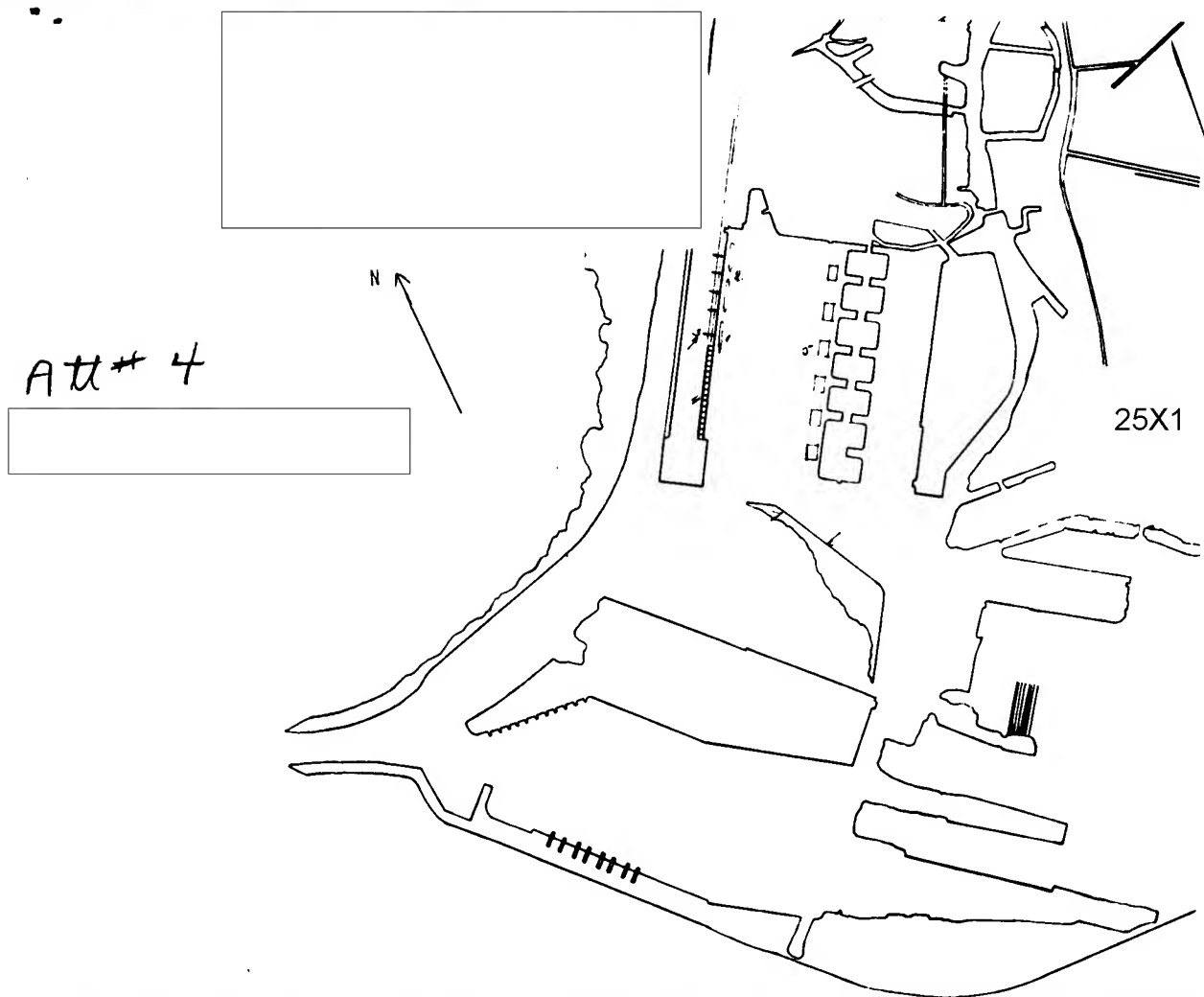
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A. Nautical data.

1. [redacted] ship cruised along the Finnish coast toward KROHNSTADT and from KLABADEN GRUND in a line toward south point SUURSARI - LAVANSAARI bank on Leningrad Lightvessel. Then through the Norskoy canal, [redacted]

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2. The depth soundings in the canal are in agreement with the data of the Admiralty Chart.

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D. Political data.

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1. The anti-Russian radio speeches held [redacted] on the occasion of the Hungarian uprising were relayed by radio Moscow.

Several inhabitants of Leningrad snarled [redacted] at the crew members, and were definitely in a hostile mood. Especially, the radio speech of Mr. Scheps stirred up bad blood.

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E. Diverse data.

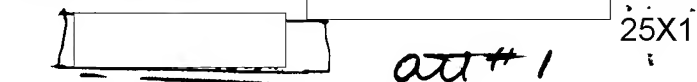
A searchlight is at the position 60 degrees 05' N / 29 degrees 12' 5" E. Also a searchlight at 59 degrees 57' 5" N / 29 degrees 25' 5" E. Both searchlights overlap each other.

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KANONERSKI SHIPYARD

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DEAD-END SINGLE TRACK

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NOT OBSERVED

COLD-STORAGE SHED
BLDG.

- A. It was especially striking that in the harbor of [REDACTED] LENINGRAD there were no warships observed.

The Gulf of Finland, on the contrary, was chock-full. The fleet had formed a ring, as it were, along the coast from Finland to Krohnstadt.

- B. In all, the following warships were observed:

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- a) [REDACTED] in the Gulf of Finland, among others, the following ships:
1. 5 destroyers at anchor by the island SUURSARI. For description of type, see sketch 1.
 2. 8 MTB's in the immediate vicinity of the 5 destroyers. The ships travelled around Suursari and around the 5 destroyers. In type, same as the ex-German R-boats. Hull length about 40 meters. Fore and aft guns of the Bofors type. See sketch 2.
 3. 5 mine sweepers by the island Rödskar. These ships also travelled around the island. For type description, see sketch 3.
 4. 1 submarine about a half mile to the Southwest of the Leningrad lightship. Observer received the command from a signal lamp to anchor. It was too dark for detailed observation.

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A. Fleet movements/Russian naval vessels.

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1. [redacted] a group of 10 MTB's was observed, being pulled by a tugboat in the direction of the Leninrad Lightvessel (gasoline saving?). The group was traveling (blinderen - to armor; to blind, withdraw from sight). 25X1
2. [redacted] the Russian naval base KROHNSTADT/LENINGRAD was passed in daylight. It was striking that with the exception of the "October Revolution", no warships were in this naval harbor. Also, the outer dock was empty. 25X1

3. [redacted] a large warship was passed NW of Dagerort/ Finnish Gulf. Position of [redacted] ship was in the line Kalbadengrund - Glotovi Lightbuoy, course 246 degrees RW [?]. 25X1

The warship was lying at anchor, and illuminated [redacted] ship for 1 minute with a strong searchlight. The warship was passed at a distance of about 500 meters. The warship was [redacted] "withdrawn from sight". 25X1

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Description of warship.

Observation hindered by darkness.

For silhouette, see sketch in attachment.

Presumably 2 smokestacks (1 next to the bridge complex, and 1 in the middle).

Hull length about 200 meters.

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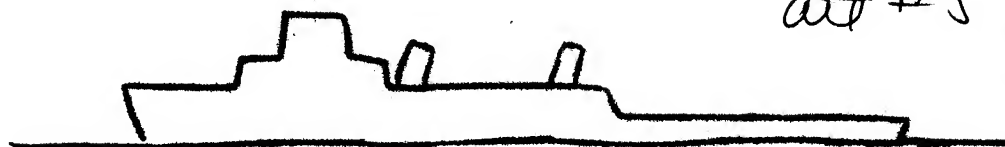
B. Political data.

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1. Russian broker and ship-broker's clerk asked for foreign reading matter, especially for periodicals

2. Conversational contact with Russians was not possible. They understood no other language, or acted as if they didn't.

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5. 25 destroyers along the whole coast from [] to Krohnstadt. 25X1
 at anchor at mutual distances of about 10 miles. []
 of a great alarm in connection with a possible atomic attack).
 Distance of observation was too great for details. 25X1

b) [] the following ships observed: 25X1

6. 1 cruiser, type Sverdlovsk.
 The cruiser passed the Leningrad lightship in opposite direction
 [] 25X1
 Fore and aft, 2 each triple-gun turrets.
 Much radar equipment in the two masts.

c) [] the following ships: 25X1

7. 2 cruisers, type Sverdlovsk.
 Both ships were travelling at night through the Morskoy canal,
 coming from the city of Leningrad, drawn by tugboats in the
 direction of the open sea.
 The tugboats maintained contact only by signal lamps. No
 whistle signals were exchanged. The ships were not travelling
 [] /blacked-out?/. Via radio [] heard that one
 of the ships was the cruiser Aurora. The radio did not give the
 destination of the cruisers, but only that they had chosen the
 sea.
 The first cruiser left [] The second cruiser []
 [] 25X1
 It was too dark for detailed observation. 25X1

8. 2 submarines, [], respectively, departed
 from the harbor of Leningrad [] 25X1

9. 1 cruiser, type Sverdlovsk, lying in the outer dock at Krohnstadt.

10. 2 submarines in the Naval basin at Krohnstadt in the place
 where usually MTB's are lying.

11. 1 cruiser of the type October Revolution, at Krohnstadt, with
 a training ship behind it.

C. Between Krohnstadt and Leningrad [] no warships observed. 25X1
 Krohnstadt itself not observable on this date because of thick mist.
 [] not a single ship at Krohnstadt except 25X1
 the above-named ships. Only an R-boat departed from the submarine basin
 in the direction of the Leningrad lightship. [] 25X1

D. No air activity observed or heard.

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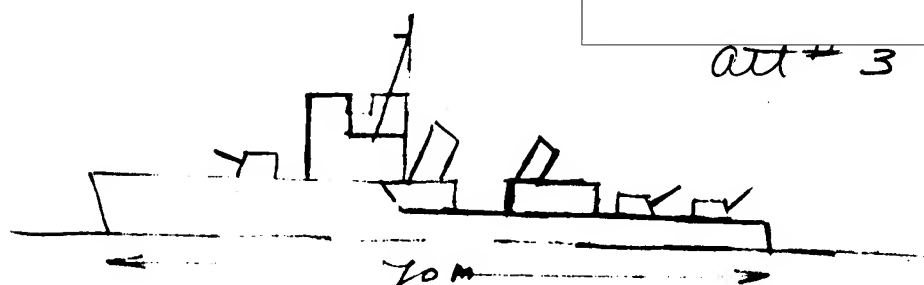
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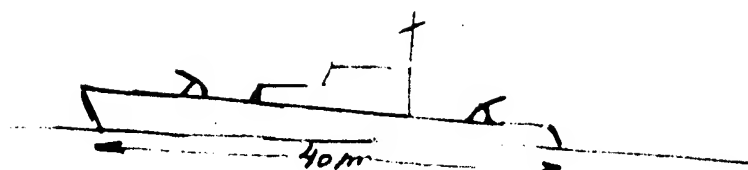
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